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| <b>BIG CONCESSION.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>GLOOMY REPORTS.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>TAXES REIMPOSED.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>BONRA CSEDI PAI.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>N.C.C. AND ARGENTINA.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>MINISTER RE-ELECTED.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>NO AGREEMENT.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| [Service to the "Telegraph."]<br>Bombay, Feb. 27, 7.35 a.m.<br>The coal-owners of England and Scotland have not only agreed to the minimum wage for abnormal places, but as a general principle, excepting in the case of old men and boys.<br>To this the miners are agreeable and in consequence the owners have informed Mr. Asquith that considerable progress has been made towards peace.<br>It is assumed that the Government will make a special effort to bring in the reconciliation in Wales. | [Service to the "Telegraph."]<br>London, Feb. 26, 5.15 a.m.<br>The latest reports from the coalfields state that the resolutions at various miners' meetings, also interviews with owners and miners' leaders are almost wholly pessimistic, but it is understood that Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George will be allowed to address the Miners' Federation to-morrow. | (Our Own Correspondent.)<br>Shanghai, Feb. 27, 9.15 a.m.<br>The delegation from Yuan Shih-kai has arrived from Peking. Disatisfaction with their appointment is expressed at meetings in Shanghai, where proclamations have been issued notifying the reimposition of the suspended taxation.                                              | [Service to the "Telegraph."]<br>Bombay, Feb. 27, 7.35 a.m.<br>The Tokyo loan promoted in London has been closed, the underwriters taking half. The stock closed at par yesterday.—Reuter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | [Service to the "Telegraph."]<br>London, Feb. 26, 12.40 p.m.<br>Reuter's correspondent at Buenos Ayres states that in the second test match between the Marylebone C.C. and Argentina the former scored 266 in the first innings and 250 in the second while Argentina's score in the first inning was 200, while in the second three wickets fell for 18.—Reuter.                                                                                                       | [Service to the "Telegraph."]<br>Bombay, Feb. 27, 7.35 a.m.<br>Mr. McKinnon Wood, who was appointed Secretary of State for Scotland has been re-elected, receiving 8,530 votes, while the Unionist, Mr. MacQuiston, received 8,081.—Reuter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | [Service to the "Telegraph."]<br>London, Feb. 26, 5.10 p.m.<br>Reuter's correspondent at Brussels reports that the Sugar Commission, which was adjourned a week ago and should have met to-day, did not meet in the absence of an agreement between Russia and Germany.<br>It will probably meet next week.—Reuter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>TIT FOR TAT.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>CONCESSIONS EXPECTED.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>RUSSIA IN MONGOLIA.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>TRIPOLI WAR.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>RAIN STOPS PLAY.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>THE CIVIL SERVICE.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>THE L. 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OF PLAY-WAITING.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| A large body of Rhinish and Westphalian miners has resolved emphatically against striking in sympathy with the English miners. They declare that during the German strike England flooded Germany with coal and that they will not pull the chestnuts out of the fire for the Englishmen.—Reuter.                                                                                                                                                                                                        | The "Daily News" believes that they will announce important concessions, as a result of conference with the owners, in connection with the minimum wage question, which, it is hoped, will induce the men to suspend their notices pending negotiations regarding the details of the agreement.                                                                      | London, Feb. 26, 3 p.m.<br>The "Daily Telegraph" publishes a message from St. Petersburg stating that the new Government of Mongolia has asked the Russian Government for a loan of a million roubles, and has also asked for Russian instructors to organise a national army.—Reuter.                                                     | [Service to the "Telegraph."]<br>London, Feb. 26, 4.10 a.m.<br>Reuter's Rome correspondent states that a Bill has been submitted to the Chamber to sanction the extraordinary credits of 170 million lire already opened for the War expenses and to authorise further credits of 35 millions. Out of the total of 205 millions, 57 millions have been covered by past surpluses and the rest are to be spread equally over the budgets from now to 1917. The Bill also provides 10 millions for harbour works at Tripoli, Benghazi and Derna.                                            | London, Feb. 26, 6.25 a.m.<br>A message from Reuter's correspondent at Sydney states that the fifth test match has had to be stopped on account of a downpour of rain.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | London, Feb. 26, 12.40 p.m.<br>The Civil Service estimates show a surplus of £1,484,003.—Reuter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | "Let me give you a bit of advice, young man. Never ask such good stuff as that for thirty pounds," said Mr. Emdon, as he handed a cheque for this amount to the late W. S. Gilbert for his first play, "Dulcamara." "I took his advice," the author records, "and never did."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>NEGOTIATIONS FAIL.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>MORE HOPEFUL.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>YUAN MOVES.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>ITALIANS EXPELLED.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>THE RUPTURE.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>NEW ZEALAND.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | But, compared with some other playwrights, Sir W. S. Gilbert might have counted himself fortunate to receive £30 down for his first dramatic bantling.<br>Sir Arthur Pinero still treasures a set of shirtstuds, the only fruit of his "maiden" play, "Two Hundred a Year." His next venture, "Two Can Play at the Game," put a penny 25 in his purse; and for "Daisy's Escape," his third effort at playwriting, he jubilantly pocketed a cheque for £50, little dreaming of the time to come when a single play—"Sweet Lavender"—would add a good £40,000 to his bank-balance.<br>The folly of selling a play outright has often been illustrated. If the author of "Our Flat" had not been tempted by Mr. Willie Edouin's proffered £50 cheque, he might have drawn £2,000 in royalties within the next twelve months; and H. J. Byron made a sorry bargain when he sold "Our Boys" outright for £300—a play which for years yielded a weekly net profit of £400.<br>A really successful play, ought to be worth £10,000 to its author. In London alone it should run for at least eight months to a gross taking of £30,000. Add to this the royalties from the provinces, from America, the Continent, and the Colonies, and we easily reach a grand total of £100,000, on which the author's royalty of ten per cent. produces a year's revenue of the Lord Chancellor.<br>And even this colossal figure has often been exceeded. When it was suggested to Mr. Barrie that he should dramatise his charming story, "The Little Minister," he laughed at the very thought of such folly. But his friend persisted, "there's forty thousand pounds in it, if there's a penny."<br>A year later, when Gavin and Babbie were coining money for their proud parent to the tune of £400 a week, Mr. Barrie was thankful that for once he had taken a friend's advice. The £40,000 mark has long been passed; and "The Little Minister" and his successors have, it is said, rewarded their author at the rate of £25,000 a year for many a year.<br>Mr. G. R. Sims can point to at least one play that has added £24,000 to his pocket—earnings—£1,350 from London; £8,700 from the provinces; £12,000 from America; and £1,000 from Australia; and a single year's revenue from "The Harbour Lights" has been put as high as £15,000. |
| <b>RAILWAYMEN'S ATTITUDE.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>TROOPS READY.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                      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| The Amalgamated Society of Railwaymen advises its members to do nothing to precipitate a sympathetic strike until further notice.<br>The owners last night again conferred with Mr. Asquith at Downing Street.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | On the other hand preparations have been made at practically all garrison towns to despatch troops to the coalfields. Arrangements have been made at Aldershot to send sixteen thousand troops the moment they are required.—Reuter.                                                                                                                                 | Shanghai, Feb. 26.<br>Yuan Shih-kai has telegraphed to Dr. Sun Yat-sen, consenting to leave Peking and proceed to Nanking by the Tientsin-Pukou Railway, with a small escort of soldiers.<br>Tang Shao-yi and Wong Ching-wai, the two delegates despatched to meet the new President at Peking are now staying at the College of Nobility. | London, Feb. 26, 3 p.m.<br>Reuter's Constantinople correspondent reports that the Turkish Cabinet has decided to expel all Italian except ecclesiastics from the vilayets of Beirut, Damascus, Jerusalem and Aleppo, allowing them fifteen days to leave. The Beirut correspondent wires that over 200 spectators on the quays were killed and wounded by the Italians' fire on Saturday. Some business premises were damaged. Another message, despatched on Sunday, stated that the list of the total casualties was as yet incomplete. About fifty of the Anvilliers crew are missing. | London, Feb. 26, 5.15 a.m.<br>A message from Sydney states that Messrs. Mayne, Kelleway, Emery, Matthews, Jennings and Whitty have been selected. The South Australian Association has cabled the Board of Control, contending that the chairman exceeded his powers in cancelling invitations and urging that a special meeting of the Board be held in Melbourne with a view to securing the prospective opponents and in the interests of Australian cricket.—Reuter. | [Service to the "Telegraph."]<br>London, Feb. 26, 12.40 p.m.<br>Reuter's correspondent at Wellington states that the Defence Authorities report that great enthusiasm and keenness was shown by the Territorials at the annual camp. Excellent work was done.<br>The Senior Cadets number 38,500 and the Territorials 31,000.—Reuter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>SERIOUS CHARGE.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>A WISE CONCESSION.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>ANOTHER RESIGNATION.</b>                                                                                                                          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| A man has been charged at Aldershot with inciting soldiers to traitorous practices. It is alleged that he distributed pamphlets calling upon the soldiers to side with the strikers and refuse to fire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | London, Feb. 26, 6.35 p.m.<br>The miners in some districts have agreed to keep a sufficient staff in the mines to pump out the water.—Reuter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Cheung Ki-mee the Governor-General of Shanghai has decided to resign and hopes to establish a rule that in the future that City will not have a Governor-General.                                                                                                                                                                          | London, Feb. 26, 3 p.m.<br>Reuter's Constantinople correspondent reports that the Turkish Cabinet has decided to expel all Italian except ecclesiastics from the vilayets of Beirut, Damascus, Jerusalem and Aleppo, allowing them fifteen days to leave. 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Those of Shek's followers who went away quietly were each given a cash reward, the officers thirty dollars each, and the men ten dollars. They were all sent out of Canton and warned that if they took part in any other disturbance they would receive capital punishment if convicted.<br>Shek Kam-chum was quite a young man, being only twenty years old. He was formerly a stone cutter, and just prior to the rising in Canton had been following the profession of a hawk in human hair. Joining the revolutionary body he evinced great ability in smuggling arms and ammunition into Canton. When independence was declared in Canton he came to the support of the revolutionary cause with a following of over two thousand. He was a leader of the famous Triad Society. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>FLEET SUPPLIED.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>AMERICAN PRESIDENCY.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>A STRAIGHT TIP.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>MEDITERRANEAN FLEET.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>SIR GAINSFORD BRUCE.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          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| Mr. Winston Churchill says that measures were adopted two months ago which rendered the Fleet independent of the consequences of a coal strike for a considerable time.<br>It was unnecessary at present to interfere with the sea training provided that reasonable economy was observed.—Reuter.                                                                                                                                                                                                       | London, Feb. 26, 3 p.m.<br>Reuter's correspondent in New York telegraphs that Roosevelt, in reply to an enquiry, says he will accept nomination for the Presidency if it is tendered, and will adhere to this decision until the Convention has expressed its preference.                                                                                            | The Diplomatic Body at Peking has advised Yuan Shih-kai to accelerate the formation of a new and stable government, so that a wise China will be looked upon by the Powers as a country without a proper government.                                                                                                                       | London, Feb. 26, 10.20 a.m.<br>H.M.S. Powerful has made her last cruise and is joining the observation warships in the Solent preparatory to sale. The proposed withdrawal of British warships from the Mediterranean is severely criticised.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | London, Feb. 26, 4.10 a.m.<br>The death has occurred of the Right Hon. Sir Gainsford Bruce, D.C.L., P.C., Judge under the Benefices Act since 1899.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>SEVERE CRITICISM.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>GRAND DUKE OF LUXEMBURG.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      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Powerful has made her last cruise and is joining the observation warships in the Solent preparatory to sale. The proposed withdrawal of British warships from the Mediterranean is severely criticised.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | The death is announced of the Grand Duke of Luxemburg, who is succeeded by his eldest daughter, aged twelve.—Reuter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



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| Korea.....     | 18,000 | Apr. 2  | "      |
| SIBERIA.....   | 18,000 | Apr. 10 | "      |
| Manchuria..... | 27,000 | Apr. 30 | "      |
| Mongolia.....  | 27,000 | May 20  | "      |

## INTERMEDIATE.

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| Persia..... | 9,000  | Mar. 26 | " |
| China.....  | 10,200 | Apr. 23 | " |
| Nile.....   | 11,000 | "       | " |

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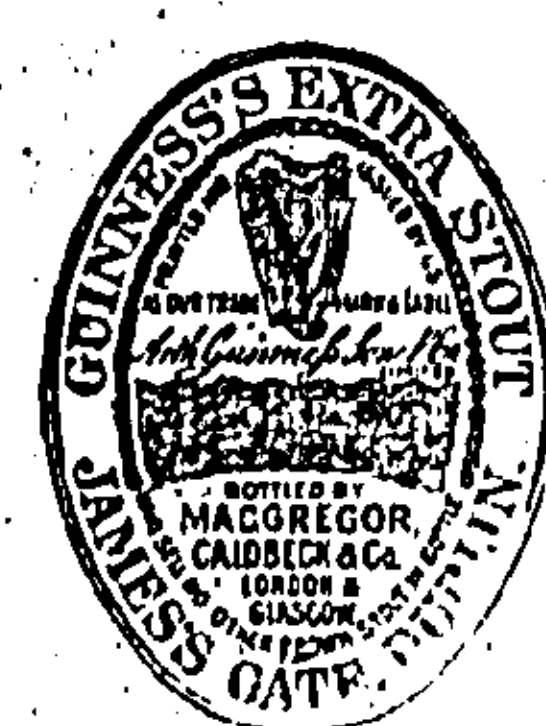
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The very prospect of a strike has enhanced the price of coal and placed the owners in a stronger position to carry on the war, while for the men there is but surrender or starvation for themselves and their families, because the price of every necessary of life must follow the price of coal. Therefore, we doubt whether the men's Executive would be able to maintain the strike a week. The strike would inflict irreparable injury to the trade and commerce of the country, but it is consoling to believe that it would but fitly embarrass the Naval authorities, whose policy it is to maintain supplies sufficient for many months at every Naval depot, and there would be no difficulty in replenishing these from abroad, for although there is some talk of international co-operation the wish is probably father to the thought.

South China Morning Post.

## The China Station.

Is the British fleet in China seas adequate? It is a pertinent question, with opinion much divided as to the answer. It has been freely suggested that the strength at the disposal of Vice-Admiral Sir Alfred Willsie is such as to leave him ill-provided to cope with possible contingencies, and a certain uneasiness has in consequence been felt in certain quarters. We think such anxiety quite groundless. To desist from uninformed generalities and get down to the facts is to realise that the position is not now so unsatisfactory as many seek to make out. Admitted that Great Britain has much greater responsibilities in the Far East than any other foreign Power, that she has interests and subjects to safeguard along hundreds of miles of the Yangtze and West rivers and along the whole sea coast, yet is she not taking ample precautions for the competent discharge of those responsibilities?



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ed Nicholson to meet them at his house. Nicholson consented, and a Durbar was arranged.

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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1912.

### A WAR THAT DRAGS.

The war between Turkey and Italy is "a thing of shreds and patches." It has dragged its course for five months without anything very serious having been done. For weeks the combatants are idle on land and sea; then comes news of an attack by one side; and both are apparently satisfied to remain quiet for quite a time longer after the effort. To be sure Italy has always been making a little ground, but at the present rate of progress it will be a long time before anything really decisive is done and one side or other admits final defeat.

Precisely what happened at Beirut it is difficult to understand. But, then, conflicting and baffling accounts of engagements during this war have been fairly common. Early reports spoke of a bombardment at Beirut, but this the Italian Admiral has denied. The engagement, he says, was between a Turkish gunboat and torpedo boat and his own vessels. Colour is lent to this statement by another, from a Turkish source, which speaks of spectators thronging the quays. It is true, they could hardly have been the same people who created a panic, forced the Government armoury, armed themselves and ran amok for a time. People with coolness and curiosity enough to watch an engagement are not panic-stricken people. On the other hand a message in to-day's paper states that 200 spectators on the quays were killed by the Italians' fire. Those accounts form as tangling a story as could well be imagined.

What grows more steadily clear with every passing week, however, is that Italy's task is to be much more laborious and protracted than at first appeared. She entered Tripoli, in the first instance, as the liberator of the Arabs and, in some degree at least, was accepted as such. Just what caused estrangement and decided the Arabs upon finally and unreservedly casting in their lot with the Turks has never been made clear, but with that decision came a sinister possibility. The longer this war is prolonged the greater grows the danger of a terrible struggle between Cross and Crescent. It is as yet no more than a possibility, and we admit its unlikelihood, but the menace may grow. It may prove, then, to have been a happy and fortunate circumstance that the King's visit to India was made while the danger-cloud hung on the horizon. In any conflict between Christianity and Islamism India must be considered. And with India's loyalty proved by the King's visit, deepened and strengthened enormously by it, the danger as it immediately affects Britain is greatly lessened.

### DAY BY DAY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph."

In reference to the rumour in regard to the reputed sale of the "Hongkong Telegraph," which we contracted in our issue of last evening, there appears to be a necessity for finally and conclusively clearing the air. The proprietor has not sold the paper; it has not passed partly or wholly under the influence of any faction, class, clique or interest, and it will continue in the future, as in the past under the present proprietorship, to be conducted on perfectly independent lines. Its motto has been and remains:—

The object of this paper is to publish correct information, to serve the truth and print the news without fear or favour.

#### To-day's Paper.

Women's World appears to-day on page 3, where there is also an interesting story in regard to durbar etiquette in India. On page 8 will be found Home Sport and an article entitled "When Fog Felled Footballers."

H.M.S. Monmouth is due here to-morrow.

H.M.Ss. Prometheus and Cambrian arrived at Manila yesterday.

Vice-Admiral Winsloe will probably arrive per H.M.S. Alacrity in the early part of next month.

The body of a child has been picked up by the police at Hung Hom. Death in this instance was due to natural causes.

The dead body of a child, aged about five years, has been found in a boat drifting off Kowloon Island. Death was due to small-pox.

The body of a child who had apparently died from natural causes, has been found in the street, at West Point, by the police.

At the Magistracy, this morning, a sentence of six weeks and four hours' stocks was passed on a Chinaman for stealing brass from Kowloon Docks.

In the same locality a child's body in a decomposed condition, was also found in the public thoroughfare. The child had apparently died of small-pox.

Invitations are being issued for the opening of the pavilion of the Hongkong Chinese Recreation Club at 4 p.m. on March 2 by His Excellency the Governor.

Among the passengers who left Hongkong by the N.Y.K. s.s. Inaba Maru to-day were Mr. Funatsu, the former Japanese Consul, Mr. Funatsu and family. The committee of the Nippon Club assembled this morning and presented Mr. Funatsu with an address, and at Statue Wharf the whole Japanese community and many of the leading Europeans, Chinese, and Indians bade him bon voyage.

#### Anti-Vaccination Views.

An American named Miller appeared before Mr. Irving, at the Magistracy, yesterday, at the request of Dr. Pearce for refusing to allow his child suffering from small-pox being removed to the isolation hospital, and also for objecting to have his other two children vaccinated.

Mr. Miller said he occupied a whole house and there was no contact with any others.

His Worship decided that the child should be immediately removed to the hospital.

#### The Bijou Theatre.

A more appropriate time for a racing sketch could not be decided upon than the week following the jockey club meeting, and the opportunity was one which Mr. Stephenson, of the Bijou Theatre, would not allow to slip. He has staged a racing absurdity in which a "Lady of the Ring" and a curate are responsible for many comic situations and much side-splitting repartee. From start to finish the audience is kept in rollicking humour and never for a moment does the sketch fall flat. The pictures too, are good, and the misadventure by strikes is well depicted in the film entitled "The Ironworkers' Strike."

The man named Nesbit who was knocked down and injured by a tramcar, following the races on Saturday, has died in hospital.

At the Magistracy, this morning, a Chinese passenger on board the s.s. Paul Ben was fined \$25 for being in possession of a loaded revolver and 14 rounds of ammunition without the necessary legal permit.

The British Admiralty has placed an order with Vickers, Ltd., to build three improved submarines of the "E" class. They will be used for longer sea voyages, and will mount two quickfiring guns.

A grand orchestral concert is to be given to-morrow evening, beginning at 8.20 o'clock, by the band of S. M. S. Schevenhorst, by kind permission of Admiral von Kwisgk. The concert is in aid of the Home for Blind Children, Kowloon, and the Berlin Foundling Home. The plan is at Monticello.

Public opinion in England is sceptical about the proposal put forward by Mr. Tokonami, Japanese Vice Minister of Home Affairs, for a blending of Shinto, Buddhism and Christianity. The "Daily News" says that even if his efforts were attended with a measure of success, the result would only be an amazing hybrid religion.

Revolutions are not always "good for trade" at the outset, but the Chinese one has made the fortune, so it is being said, of at least one cotton manufacturer. A Parisian who has been "in the know" for the last two years has been accumulating stocks of standards and flags of all sizes. He is now exporting Republican emblems by thousands to the partisans of Sun Yat-sen.—"L. & C. Express."

#### New Way to Give Ether.

A new method of administering ether is announced to the medical profession by Dr. S. J. Meltzer, of the Rockefeller Institute, after being tested in several city hospitals with success. It is to put a tube down the wind-pipe of the patient and force air with a bellows into the lungs to create artificial respiration, the return current of air passing through the space between the tube and the wall of the wind-pipe. Ether is mixed with the air and the patient rendered unconscious for an unlimited period without any serious after-effects.

#### Death of Archbishop Nicolai.

The death is announced of Archbishop Nicolai, of the Russian Church, in Tokyo, on the 10th instant. Archbishop Nicolai was seventy-six years of age, and in July last celebrated his fifty years' service as a missionary in Japan. From Russia he first arrived at Hakodate in 1861, where a Russian Mission had been founded at the chapel of the Consulate in 1855. He remained at Hakodate until 1868, when he took up permanent residence in Tokyo. There are now 174 Russo-Greek Churches in Japan, with a total membership of 31,000 as compared with 64,000 Roman Catholics and 75,000 members of Protestant Churches.

#### An Aviation Tragedy.

In regard to the Reuter telegram of Feb. 17, announcing that Mr. Graham Gilmour, an airman, had lost his life at Richmond, the "N. C. Daily News" remarks that the news excited much interest and sympathy in Shanghai, for the unfortunate aviator, Mr. Graham Gilmour, was a son of the late David Gilmour, who for many years was a silk merchant in Shanghai. Mr. Gilmour senior retired from Shanghai about seven or eight years ago, and it will be remembered by those then in Shanghai that his offices were in Kiangse Road, close to the Municipal Council compound. His son, the deceased aviator, came to Shanghai a few years ago, and remained here about a couple of years. At home he had first taken up motoring, and afterwards aviation, and only a comparatively short time ago Reuter telegraphed out an account of one of his exploits. One of his sisters is still in China, Mrs. Giles, wife of H. B. M. Consul at Chungking.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon in the Council Chamber after a vacation of two months. A large amount of new business was taken up, there being no fewer than 10 first readings. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Frederick Lugard, presided and there were also present:—

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The Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

#### The New Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Evers took the oath of allegiance on taking his seat as Colonial Secretary.

#### Finance.

The following recommendations by H. E. the Governor were referred to the Finance Committee:—

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of \$5,000 in aid of the vote miscellaneous services, grants in aid of other institutions, University of Hongkong, Government Professorship.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of \$1,380 in aid of the vote Medical Department, Personal Emoluments, A.—Staff, Assistant to the Medical Officer for Kowloon.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of \$425 in aid of the vote Judicial and Legal Departments, Special Expenditure, D.—Law Officers, new furniture.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of \$218 in aid of the vote Sanitary Department, Other Charges, Sanitary Staff, Light, Tsim Sha Tsui Market.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of \$72 in aid of the vote Education, A.—Department of Director of Education, Other Charges, Fraya East English School, rent.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of \$3,400 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Buildings, retaining wall in front of the Tai O Police Station.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of \$66 in aid of the vote Medical Department, B.—Hospitals and Asylums, Other Charges, Civil Hospital, analytical apparatus, etc.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of \$54 in aid of the vote Sanitary Department, Other Charges, Sanitary Staff, rent of quarters for scavenging coolies.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of \$2,500 in aid of the vote Harbour Master's Department, C.—Steam Launches, other charges, repairs.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of \$670 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Communications, Hongkong Roads and Streets, path from Kennedy Road to Boundary Path.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of \$2,000 in aid of the vote Judicial and Legal Departments, Special Expenditure, A.—supreme court, furniture.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of \$4,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Buildings, maintenance of building in New Territories.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table a draft of the now standing orders of the Council.

His Excellency said that he thought the present standing orders were very antiquated and many of the rules very obscure and in some cases the subjects were mixed under different headings. The present draft rules had been referred to the Secretary of State and approved by him, and they were now laid upon the table so that all members of the Council might have an opportunity of examining them before

a resolution was brought before the Council.

His Excellency further said that before they proceeded with the business of the day he would ask their permission to make a somewhat personal statement. Since they last met he had received a message from the Secretary of State informing him that His Majesty had been pleased to appoint him to the amalgamated governments of Northern and Southern Nigeria. He would therefore be leaving the Colony on March 16, and would, with the deepest regret, have to take leave of the Council at their next meeting on March 7. His Majesty had also been pleased to appoint Sir Henry May as his successor and he had to congratulate the unofficial members who represented the community on the fulfilment of their wishes.

**Gambling.**  
The ordinance to amend the gambling ordinance of 1891 was also read a first time.

This bill amends the principal ordinance by increasing the penalty on selling lottery tickets from twenty-five to a thousand dollars and by making possession with a view to sale (with the burden of proof on the defendant) an offence.

**Classifying Warehouses.**  
Another new bill which passed its first reading was one entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance 1911."

This bill is introduced in order that licensed warehouses may be classified as certain classes of warehouses can stand a higher licence fee than others. At present they may roughly be said to fall into four classes: warehouses for European wines, those for Chinese wines, those for beer and stout and those for the shop which keep spirits of wine with which to make tinctures and scents.

**Registration of Births.**  
An ordinance to amend the law relating to the registration of births and deaths, was read the first time on the motion of the Attorney General.

According to the "objects and reasons" of the bill, it is hoped, by making the clerks at public dispensaries, where babies are taken to be vaccinated, district registrars as well as the police officers in charge of the police stations, which are district registrar offices, that more Chinese will register the births of their children than is the case at present owing to the natural aversion which many Chinese women have to attending at police stations for any purpose whatever.

### A DESPERATE SUICIDE.

#### To Avoid Trial.

On Feb. 25 a man committed suicide rather than stand his trial.

An Indian constable on the date in question was conveying a man whom he had under arrest in a launch from Tai O to Hongkong, where he was to stand his trial on a charge the police were to prefer against him. Off Sha Lo Wan the prisoner jumped overboard, and the constable followed him. There was a desperate struggle in the water, but the odds were too much for the constable, so determined was the man to sacrifice his life sooner than face the Magistrate. The constable had to lose his hold in order to save his own life. When taken from the water he (the constable) was suffering very much from the effects of his immersion, and it was found necessary to convey him to the hospital, where he received medical treatment. Though an exhaustive search was made for the other man no trace of the body could be found.

Mr. F. W. Dix won the English amateur skating championship, compelled for near Cambridge on February 1, covering a mile and a half in 4 min. 43 sec.

An important step has been taken towards the establishment in London of a School of Oriental Studies. The financial difficulty has been overcome, and the proposal is to use the London institution.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

#### The Long-suffering Public.

Too little attention is paid in Hongkong to the preservation of the rights of the public, especially in regard to the right of way. As a concrete example at the present moment the work proceeding at the University bars the passage of vehicles from Caine Road to the Pokfulam Road. There seems to be no notice posted up that the road fronting the University is impassable, and the driver of a vehicle is left in blissful ignorance of the fact until his progress is blocked and he has to back out and then drive a long way back in order to get on to a lower level. The road should be made passable—it is certain that this would be done were the work proceeding nearer the centre of the city—and in any event notices should be posted up informing the public what they have to expect. Whoever is responsible for the block at this particular point has a more than one occasion shown the same lack of consideration for the public, who proves to be all too patient and long suffering.

#### The Small-pox Epidemic.

The returns in regard to the small-pox epidemic, which we published yesterday are significant. Seventy cases and fifty deaths are figures that arrest attention. The fact that among the sufferers were six British shows that the comparative immunity which has favoured what is usually called the foreign population, is not a feature of this epidemic. Once more then would we urge on our readers the importance of being vaccinated without delay. We have no desire, as we have said before to pose as alarmists, but it would be futile to pretend that there is no danger. It is a duty not only to one's self, but also to those with whom one is brought into contact, to take every precaution. And the greatest of these is vaccination. While on the subject of health it might be suggested that the value of the weekly return issued by the M.O.H. would be enhanced if the nationality of those who have died from any particular disease were given. The returns now issued give the nationality of those who have contracted the disease, but there is nothing to show how many of each nationality have succumbed. For example, the returns show that six British contracted small-pox during last week, but how many of these, if any, succumbed is not shown. The information is of as much importance as in the case of the weekly return.

#### Motionless Moving Pictures.

The heading on this note is a palpable paradox, not to say an obvious contradiction in terms. Yet we feel justified in using it as we are in the good company of the London "Globe." The "motionless" moving pictures are to be used in connection with the tube railways at Home. The idea is to reverse the process at an ordinary cinematograph theatre where the spectator is still, but the pictures succeed each other with more than lightning-like rapidity on the screen. In the tubes the spectator will be moving while the pictures are still. It is obvious that unless some means be adopted of causing each picture to create a separate impression in the eye of the spectator nothing more than a blur would be distinguished. This presents a very real difficulty, but Mr. George Phillips of Messrs. Keith, Prowse and Company Limited, claims to have overcome it and "motionless" moving pictures will soon, apparently, become a feature of tube travel.



## HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

## Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society was held this morning at the City Hall, when Mr. Montague Edo presided over a good attendance of ladies, including Mrs. Pollock, Hon. Secretary, and Mrs. Atkinson. There were also present Bishop Banister, Rev. F. T. Johnson, Rev. C. E. Thompson, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., and Dr. Saunders.

The Chairman read the report and statement of accounts which was as follows:—

During the past year the work of the Society has greatly increased and more applications have been received than in any previous year. In all 60 cases were brought before the Committee, and after careful investigation 57 were helped. Of these 45 were men. Some received board and lodging; for others employment was found in the Colony, or passages were given to places where they had relatives or better prospects of work.

The majority of these men were not mere rolling-stones or loafers, but had a definite calling, and were in temporary distress through being out of work for various reasons which were not due to their own fault. It is, however, to be regretted that in some instances intemperance had been the cause of the trouble, but in all such cases where there was a genuine desire to do better assistance was given to afford them a fresh chance of getting employment and of regaining their self-respect. On the principle that the greatest service we can do for another is to help him to help himself, money has been seldom given, except for a special purpose or to land with when going to another place. Board and lodging have been given in most instances, while the facts of the case were being investigated or while waiting for work.

In this Colony there is no such thing as outdoor relief or a workhouse. Only two cases, of an absolutely hopeless character, were sent to the House of Detention, the entering into which is regarded as a disgrace and as a last resource, even by the utterly destitute. Sixteen applications came from women, and in every case where it was needed substantial help was given, and it is gratifying to report that our assistance has in most of these cases led to very satisfactory results, and that letters expressing great gratitude have been received. Five women with young children were helped to get to their native places. Two young girls in undesirable surroundings were sent back to their parents. A family received an allowance during illness. For several others useful work was found. The education of one boy has been paid for during the year. Regarding those helped the rules of the society prevent much from being said publicly.

In addition 28 other cases received relief through the Rev. C. E. Thompson, Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen, who has a grant of 15 dollars a month from the society to help deserving cases. Our thanks are again tendered to him. The thanks of the Committee are due to the St. Andrew's Society for a generous donation in special case, to the managers of several steamship companies for kindly assisting us with reduced passages, and to Mr. C. H. McDermott for kindly auditing the accounts. Our thanks are also due to all the subscribers and donors to the Society during the past year for their kind support. During the course of the past year the following ladies have served on the Committee: Lady May, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Alabaster, Mrs. Bodeley, Mrs. Beckwith, Mrs. Harris, Miss Innes, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Koswick, Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Stabb, Mrs. Tooker, Mrs. Voretzsch.

In moving the adoption of the above Mr. Edo said:—

I ask you to dwell for a moment on the third paragraph of the report, which says that 60 cases were brought before the Committee and after careful investigation 57 were helped. Do you realise the labour involved? I very much doubt if any one of us who is not a member of the com-

mittee realises the significance of that sentence. I confess I myself did not until I went into some detail with the honorary secretary preparatory to taking the chair at this meeting. Each case which comes before the Society requires much personal investigation. The cases are of a difficult and varying character, and care is always taken that the persons seeking aid shall not be made ashamed.

This is devotion indeed and such devotion on the part of the members of the committee of the Ladies' Benevolent Society if realised would make it unnecessary that an appeal should annually be made for more funds.

The underlying principle of the society is to find employment for applicants rather than to give monetary aid, but nevertheless in this colony more frequently than not employment cannot be found however deserving the case, and it becomes necessary that board and lodging should be provided for weeks at a time and passages to England, Australia and elsewhere should be provided. There are not a few people who arrive in this colony with a certain amount of money in hand; they are optimistic and believe that they will find work; perhaps they do for a space, but the time unhappily comes when many of them find themselves with their means exhausted, and there is nowhere for them to go to seek relief except to this society. There are no poor-laws, no workhouses, in the colony, and the society performs the functions here not only of a charitable organisation but also of a labour bureau. Were it not for the Ladies' Benevolent Society the greater proportion of the 57 people who were helped during 1911 would have had to either beg from the officers or have been sent to the house of detention, in which house the treatment is too severe, being quasi-penal in its character, for those whose distress is due to misfortune.

We must regretfully admit that there are a few abandoned creatures to whom help in need is no permanent advantage. These people are not helped by this society, but in order to ascertain whether a case is deserving or not the honorary secretary of the society is obliged to go exhaustively into its merits; and on all sides I hear the honorary secretary during 1911, Mrs. Pollock, has devoted much time and still greater labour to the work which she undertook when she accepted the post. For this noble work the Colony cannot adequately thank her, and I hope that the realisation of it will induce more men of business to either become annual subscribers to the society or life-members of it.

It is my intention to go even further than this appeal, and to ask the government to include in its next budget a grant, in aid of this society.

On looking at the balance sheet you will observe that there is a balance in the bank of \$500 odd. It may strike you that this is a large balance for a charitable institution, but the balance would not have been there at all except for the great liberality of an old friend of the society who has just retired from the colony for good, in giving free passages, as a parting gift to the society, to two unfortunates who would have had to be sent home in reduction of the funds. We must not forget also that our funds were materially improved by the magnificent donation of the late Sir Hormusjee Mody of \$10,000, which, being invested, produces an income of \$600 a year. This income, with all subscriptions, is far short of the requirement of the Society in carrying out its noble work, and I appeal again to all those who have not heretofore realised the great good the Ladies' Benevolent Society is doing and its constant struggle for money to give freely during this year and thus show by their action that they endorse the acts of this devoted band of ladies.

I now beg to move the adoption of the report and accounts. Rev. F. T. Johnson seconded and the motion was carried. The Rev. Johnson thought, however, that the committee's statement did not fully describe all the work done by the society. He thought, while speaking of the House of Detention, that there ought to be some place where

men out of work, could be lodged, without disgrace while seeking honest employment.

The Rev. C. E. Thompson moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee. Dr. Saunders seconded and the motion was carried.

The following officers were elected on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock:—

President, Mrs. Atkinson; Vice-president, Mrs. Jordan, Treasurer, Mrs. Stabb; Secretary, Mrs. Pollock; Committee, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Alabaster, Mrs. Tooker, Mrs. Van Rees, Mrs. Shollin, Mrs. Edkins, Mrs. Voretzsch, Mrs. Beckwith, Miss Jacob, Miss Juness.

A vote of thanks accorded to the chairman on the motion of Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, closed the meeting.

## THE KOWLOON MARKET.

## Question of Responsibility.

This afternoon the report of the Public Works Committee regarding the Tsim Sha Tsui Market was laid on the table of the Legislative Council. The report was made in answer to a minute by the Colonial Secretary which ran as follows:—

You (Director of Public Works) are requested to submit to the Public Works Committee the question of apportioning the responsibility for the delay which has occurred in the erection of the Tsim Sha Tsui Market and for the additional expenditure which has been incurred in connection with it.

The report of the committee which met on Jan. 24 and was composed of the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Hon. Mr. A. M. Thompson, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, and the Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, was as follows:—

The committee are of opinion that the time allowed for the completion of the contract for the erection of the building, namely, 12 months, was inadequate and they consider that 18 months would have been a more reasonable time to specify. They recommend that, in future, contractors, when tendering, should be required to state within what period they are prepared to complete the work to which their tenders relate.

The committee consider that a serious error was made in failing to despatch the indent for steelwork until 9 months after the letting of the contract for the erection of the building.

Taking all the circumstances into account, the committee consider that the Crown Agents and other parties concerned with the execution of the indent were responsible for a part of the delay. For the remainder of the delay which occurred, the committee consider that the contractor is solely responsible.

With regard to the question of additional expenditure, the chairman explained that the contractor had not yet agreed to the final statements prepared in connection with his contracts for the building and the fittings, and the actual cost could not therefore be regarded as finally settled. The information, which he was able to lay before the committee, was as follows:—Amount of original estimate, \$361,000.00; amount of revised estimates arrived at by taking the amounts of the various contracts let and adding the actual cost of foreman's wages, etc., \$59,484.01; actual cost as ascertained by measurement, etc., but not yet finally settled, \$56,584.07 from which it will be seen that there has been no increase in cost over the estimate, but that, on the other hand, there has been a saving of about \$2,900 on the revised estimate, which is fully \$6,500 less than the original estimate.

The committee however desire to point out that, owing to the contract not being fulfilled, the government suffered loss on account of the additional cost of foreman's wages and the fee to the arbitrator in connection with the defective construction of the roof and that there was also a loss of rent which would have been derived if the market had been opened sooner.

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## The Jubilee Fountains.

The opinion of the committee was also desired as to whether the Jubilee Fountains, of which six were presented to the colony in 1887 by Mr. Donabjee Nowrojee, should be entirely removed. None of the fountain were in working order and most of them were broken or dismantled.

It was agreed to recommend that the fountain in the Chinese Recreation Ground be restored to working order and have water laid on to it and that the one in the grounds of the Sailors' Home be allowed to remain, water not being laid on to it. The remaining fountains to be removed with the exception of the pillars which act as lamp-posts.

## DON'T FORGET.

Wednesday, Feb. 28.  
Hongkong Ice Co. meeting.  
Y. M. C. A. Annual meeting.  
Sale of Race Ponies.  
Thursday, Feb. 29.  
Annual General Meeting Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, 4 p. m.

Friday, March 1.  
Horticultural Society Show.  
S. M. S. Schornhorst Concert, Theatre Royal, 9 p. m.  
Saturday, March 2.  
Half-yearly meeting Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., 12.30 p. m.  
Thursday, March 7.  
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., meeting, noon.  
Saturday, March 9.  
Annual meeting, Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., 12.30 p. m.

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Hongkong, 27th Feb. 1912. [204]

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Cargo remaining undelivered on THURSDAY, the 29th Feb., at 6 p. m., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from Company's Godown.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claims will be recognized after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered on MONDAY, 4th March, afternoon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

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| MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP                          | KAMO MARU, Capt. H. Sommer, T. 9,000   | WEDNESDAY, 28th Feb., Daylight.  |
| WEST VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ & PORT SAID | AKI MARU, Capt. K. Homma, T. 7,000     | WEDNESDAY, 13th March, Daylight. |
|                                                       | MISHIMA MARU, Capt. A. E. M., T. 9,000 | WEDNESDAY, 27th Mar., Daylight.  |

| Destinations                                                 | Steamers                                 | Sailing Dates                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA | TAMBA MARU, Capt. K. Noda, T. 7,000      | TUESDAY, 26th March, at Noon. |
|                                                              | SANUKI MARU, Capt. S. Ishikawa, T. 7,000 | TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon.  |

| Destinations              | Steamers                              | Sailing Dates                  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE | KAMAKURA MARU, Capt. K. Kon, T. 7,000 | SATURDAY, 23rd Mar., from KOBE |

| Destinations                                                          | Steamers                                 | Sailing Dates                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNHILL and BRISBANE | NIKKO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi, T. 6,000      | FRIDAY, 15th March, at Noon. |
|                                                                       | KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winckler, T. 6,000 | FRIDAY, 12th April, at Noon. |

| Destinations    | Steamers                             | Sailing Dates                   |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| KOBE & YOKOHAMA | KAGA MARU, Capt. M. Higino, T. 7,000 | THURSDAY, 29th Feb., at 11 A.M. |

| Destinations              | Steamers                                 | Sailing Dates                |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winckler, T. 6,000 | WEDNESDAY, 13th March, Noon. |

| Destinations          | Steamers                                  | Sailing Dates        |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE | COLOMBO MARU, Capt. J. Teranaka, T. 5,000 | WEDNESDAY, 28th Feb. |

† Cargo only.  
† Fitted with new system of wireless telegraphy.

# NEW LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN KOBE and CALCUTTA.

Regular fortnightly service from Kobe to Calcutta calling at Hongkong, Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.  
The next steamer to sail from Hongkong:

"JINSEN MARU" ... Tons 4,000 ... Capt. G. M. Schide ... Feb. 10th.

# 1912 PASSENGER SEASON 1912

| Steamer       | Tons  | Captain      | From Hongkong |
|---------------|-------|--------------|---------------|
| KAMO MARU     | 9,000 | P. L. Sommer | Feb. 28th.    |
| AKI MARU      | 7,000 | K. Homma     | Mar. 13th.    |
| MISHIMA MARU  | 9,000 | A. O. Moses  | Mar. 27th.    |
| KAGA MARU     | 7,000 | M. Hagino    | April 10th.   |
| ATSUTA MARU   | 9,000 | Wm. Thompson | April 24th.   |
| HITACHI MARU  | 7,000 | T. Yamawaki  | May 8th.      |
| MIYASAKI MARU | 9,000 | T. Murai     | May 22nd.     |

| Steamer     | Tons  | Captain    | From Hongkong |
|-------------|-------|------------|---------------|
| TAMBA MARU  | 7,000 | K. Noda    | Mar. 26th.    |
| SANUKI MARU | 7,000 | T. Iizawa  | April 9th.    |
| KWA MARU    | 7,000 | S. Tomioka | April 23rd.   |
| INABA MARU  | 7,000 |            | May 21st.     |

From Hongkong direct to Nagasaki 4 days, to Kobe 5 days, and to Yokohama 6 days.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

# CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| For                     | Steamers             | To Sail  |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| SHANGHAI & TSINGTAU     | "LUOHOU" ... 28th    | 4 P.M.   |
| SWATOW, AMOY & SHANGHAI | "KANSU" ... 28th     | D'light. |
| SHANGHAI                | "CHINHUA" ... 29th   | 4 P.M.   |
| SHANGHAI                | "ANHUI" ... 2nd Mar. | D'light. |
| "OHIO & HAIKONG"        | "SINGAN" ... 3rd     | 10 A.M.  |
| TIENTSIN & WEIHAIWEI    | "HUICHOW" ... 3rd    | D'light. |
| MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO   | "TEAN" ... 6th       | 4 P.M.   |

DIRECT SAILING TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.  
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AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in State-rooms. A duly qualified Doctor is carried. REDUCED FARES. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

MANILA LINE—Twin "crew" steamers "Tean" and "Taming," saloon accommodation amidships; electric fans fitted; extra state-rooms on deck, alt. Saloon accommodation of s.s. "Kallong" is situated on deck, alt. SHANGHAI LINE—FAST SCHEDULE TWIN-SCREW STEAMERS (Anhui, Ohama, Lian, Chihua)—with excellent passenger accommodation. Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon, leave Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

N.B.—Passengers must embark before midnight on Saturday for the Sunday morning sailings. A Company's launch leaves Murray Pier at 10 o'clock every Saturday night.

These steamers land passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transhipment at Woosung.

Reduced Fares:—Single \$45. Return \$75.  
For Freight or Passage apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Telephone No. 55.  
Hongkong, 26th Feb. 1912.

# Shipping

# HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
Deutsche Dampfschiffahrts Gesellschaft "HANSA."

EAST ASIATIC SERVICE.  
Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via STRAITS and COLOMBO,

to  
Marseilles, Havre, Bremen and Hamburg and New York.

Taking cargo at Through rates to all European North Continental and British Ports, also Trieste, Lisbon, Oporto, Genoa and other Mediterranean Levantine, Black Baltic Sea and Ports, and all North and South American Ports.

Next Sailings from Hongkong:

OUTWARD.

HOMEWARD.

For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama:

S.S. Belgravia ... 7th Mar.

"Sachsen" ... 18th Mar.

"C. Ferd. La-iss" 2nd April

"Sithonia" ... 10th April

"Scandia" ... 26th April

"Bayern" ... 3rd May

For Further Particulars, apply to—

For Marseilles, Rotterdam & Hamburg:

S.S. "Ambra" ... 29th Mar.

For Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp:

"S.S. 'Spesia'" ... 1st Mar.

For Havre & Hamburg:

S.S. "Goldenfels" ... 5th Mar.

For Marseilles, Havre, Rotterdam & Hamburg:

S.S. "Promiss" ... 14th Mar.

For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:

S.S. "Slevia" ... 20th Mar.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie,  
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1912.



# HONGKONG—PHILIPPINES. PHILIPPINES STEAMSHIP CO.

| Steamship | Tons | Captain     | For                                | Sailing Date                |
|-----------|------|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| RUBI      | 4000 | S. Crosby   | Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu. | THURSDAY, 29th Feb., 4 P.M. |
| ZAFIRO    | 4000 | M. C. Smith | Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu. | MONDAY, 1st Mar., 4 P.M.    |

For Freight or Passage apply to

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,  
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong 17th February, 1912.

# JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Regular Fortnightly Service between  
JAVA, CHINA and JAPAN.

| Steamer    | From  | Expected on or about | For      | Will leave on or about |
|------------|-------|----------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Tjitaroen  | JAVA  | 1st half Mar.        | JAPAN    | 1st half Mar.          |
| Tjipanas   | JAVA  | 1st half Mar.        | JAPAN    | 1st half Mar.          |
| Tjibodas   | JAVA  | 1st half Mar.        | SHANGHAI | 1st half Mar.          |
| Tjimali    | JAPAN | 1st half Mar.        | JAVA     | 1st half Mar.          |
| Tjilwong   | JAVA  | 1st half Mar.        | JAPAN    | 2nd half Mar.          |
| Tjimanoeek | JAVA  | 1st half Mar.        | JAPAN    | 2nd half Mar.          |
| Tjilatjap  | JAVA  | 2nd half Mar.        | SHANGHAI | 1st half Apr.          |

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo to all Ports in Netherlands-India on through B/L.

For particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,  
York Building.

Telephone No. 375

# TOYO KISEN KAISHA

Imperial Japanese Trans-Pacific Mail Line.

# SAN FRANCISCO LINE.

Connecting with the Western Pacific Railway at San Francisco to all ports in the United States and Canada and with Trans-Atlantic Lines to Europe.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration)

| Steamer            | Tons   | Captain       | Date of sailing  |
|--------------------|--------|---------------|------------------|
| S.S. "Nippon Maru" | 11,000 | A. G. Stevens | Mar. 8th, Noon.  |
| S.S. "Tenyo Maru"  | 21,000 | E. Bent       | Mar. 16th, Noon. |
| S.S. "Shinyo Maru" | 21,000 | H. S. Smith   | Apr. 9th, Noon.  |
| S.S. "Chiyo Maru"  | 21,000 | W. W. Green   | May, 7th, Noon.  |

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screws. All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office. The triple screw steamer "TENYO MARU" will be despatched for San Francisco via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on FRIDAY, the 15th March, at Noon.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

The steamer "Ni pon Maru" 11,000 tons Capt. A. G. Stevens, will be scheduled for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on Friday 8th March, at Noon.

# SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

(In connection with the National Railway of Mexico at Manzanillo and the Tehuantepec National Railway at Salina Cruz).

Only Regular Direct Service to Mexican, Chilean and Peruvian Ports.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to alteration).

| Steamer       | Tons   | Date of Sailing         |
|---------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Buyo Maru     | 10,500 | Tuesday, April 8, Noon. |
| Hongkong Maru | 11,000 | Friday, June 7, Noon.   |
| Kiyo Maru     | 17,500 | Saturday, Aug. 6, Noon. |

For further particulars as to Freight and Passage, apply to

K. MATSUDA Agents,  
(KING'S BUILDING Opposite Blake Pier)

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OFFICES in King's Building.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED.

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# LOG BOOK.



## COMMERCIAL.

## Bullion.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu & Co.'s weekly circular dated London, February 1, states that "about a million sterling of bar gold arrived this week, of which £235,000 was reserved for India. In the absence of foreign demand, the Bank of England will obtain the great bulk of the balance. The net outflow during the week is £59,000.

"The shipment of sovereigns to India this week are on a somewhat reduced scale owing to the India Council having sold about 140 lakhs on the basis of Rs. 4.1-8d. for telegraphic transfers, against only 50 lakhs last week.

"Besides the £200,000 sent yesterday overland via Marseilles, about £200,000 are being withdrawn to-day for shipment from London.

"In last week's letter the impression was conveyed that the net imports of gold into India for 1911 would constitute a record. This view was correct. We append detailed figures:—

|           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| Jan. 1911 | £2,897,408 |
| Feb.      | 2,390,419  |
| March     | 2,773,611  |
| April     | 1,793,512  |
| May       | 1,802,607  |
| June      | 1,047,814  |
| July      | 1,003,432  |
| Aug.      | 680,825    |
| Sept.     | 670,016    |
| Oct.      | 1,887,010  |
| Nov.      | 2,000,958  |
| Dec.      | 1,979,850  |

Total... £20,900,442 (approximate, telegraphic transfers).

"This heavy total represents considerably over a fifth of the world's output of gold. The heavy recent withdrawals from London suggest that the imports for the present year also will be phenomenal.

Writing of silver the circular says:—

"Throughout the month of January prices have advanced almost continuously. The quotations fixed on the first day were the lowest, and those on the last day the highest of the month.

"The governing factors just now are the continued locking up of silver by the Indian speculative group and the reluctance on the part of China to part with silver in the present uncertainty of affairs.

"As a consequence cash silver rose to a premium of 3/10d. on January 23 and prices touched higher figures on the 30th ultimo than have been reached since January 7, 1908.

"The actual stock of silver in London is still large, but there is no real justification for the pressure in the market of a mild corner which took place this week.

Special prominence has been given by the Press of America to that portion of our Annual Letter with touched upon the future needs of China.

In one instance the words "China herself will grow rich, a more additional tale a head minus £50,000,000" have been divorced from their context, which refers to the wealth of China, and quoted as if they implied that coinage reform in that country would cause demand for fifty million sterling of silver.

Obviously, this would be far too sanguine a view to take, for an increase of fifty million sterling in the wealth of China would not all be invested in silver; the bulk would consist in a higher standard of living, better housing, foreign luxuries, and heavy imports of machinery, etc. Silver would form but a small proportion, and as we have pointed out in previous letters, the immense quantities of specie in the country will provide for all immediate needs, except what will be required to form an initial stock of the new coins. The effect of the opening up of China upon silver will be progressive, not immediate.

The stock in Shanghai is increased by the equivalent of about eight lakhs of taels in silver.

The up-country offtake in India is increased by thirty to seventy lakhs a day.

On January 30 the United States Treasury purchased 200,000 oz.

A shipment of £90,000 has been made from San Francisco to Hongkong.

## To day's Advertisement

## CLUB GERMANIA.

## GRAND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT.

UNDER the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and by kind permission of Vice-Admiral V. K. Wright.

In aid of the Home for Blind Children, Kowloon, and the Berlin Foundation, by the Band of

S.M.S. "SCHARNHORST," at 9.20 P.M.

Plan at Messrs. MOUTRIE & CO., LTD. Hongkong, 27th Feb. 1912. [202]

## To Sell

## THE AMERICAN &amp; ORIENTAL LINE.

## FOR NEW YORK

(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast.)

## THE Steamship

## "JEROME PRINCE,"

Captain McDougall, will be despatched for the above ports on THURSDAY, the 14th March.

For Freight or Passage apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd Feb. 1912. [187]

## FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

(Taking cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Rangoon, Madras, and Mauritius.)

## THE Steamship

## "GREGORY APCAR,"

Captain S. H. Beeson, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 28th inst., at 1 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 21st Feb. 1912. [103]

## CHINESE ENGINEERING

## AND

## ING C. MINOMANY, LTD.

## CANTON-HONGKONG-TIENTSIN LINE.

## THE Steamship

## "ONSANG"

will sail on or about the 29th Feb. 1912. Taking cargo for Tientsin, via Chinwangtao.

For Freight and Passage apply to THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING CO., LTD.

Queen's Buildings, DODWELL & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 1st Feb. 1912. [118]



## The Peninsular &amp; Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

## STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,

## ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,

## PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PENINSULAR GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICA PORTS.

## THE Steamship

## "ASSAYE,"

Captain G. W. Cookman, M.S., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay on SATURDAY, the 2nd Mar. 1912, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo to the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "Moran," 11,000 tons, from Colombo, passengers' accommodation in which vessel is assured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuable, all cargo for France, Tea and Cargo for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo for the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the s.s. "Peris," due in London on the 12th April, 1912.

Parcel will be received at the Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st Feb. 1912. [104]

## Public Companies

## HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

## NOTICE.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be held on THURSDAY, the 29th February, 1912, at 4 o'clock p.m., in the Old Chamber of Commerce, Room, City Hall, for the following purposes:—

(1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1911.

(2) To elect a new Committee.

(3) To transact any General Business.

By Order, E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st Feb. 1912. [192]

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

## THE FORTY-THIRD MEETING

of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 7th March, 1912, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1911.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on 23rd February, 15th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors H. F. HICKMAN, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th Feb. 1912. [167]

## HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Thirty-first Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the General Managers at 12 Noon on Wednesday, 28th instant to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1911, and the Report of the General Managers.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th instant, to 28th instant both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th Feb. 1912. [158]

## HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

## THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING

of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel on SATURDAY, the 2nd March, 1912, at 12.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1911, with a Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter which may be brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th February to the 2nd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. MOONEY, Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd Feb. 1912. [200]

## THE CHINESE ENGINEERING &amp; MINING CO., LTD.

## NOTICE.

AS THE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL YEAR ends on 29th February it is particularly requested that all outstanding Accounts against the Company be presented for payment before that date.

LODGEWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th Feb. 1912. [178]

## THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING my absence and until further notice Mr. MOWBRAY STAFFORD NORTHCOTE has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th Feb. 1912. [197]

## PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS

of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 4th day of March, 1912, at 8 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Mei Lun Street in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Boundary Measure, 1/2 acre, 1/4 acre, 1/8 acre, 1/16 acre, 1/32 acre, 1/64 acre, 1/128 acre, 1/256 acre, 1/512 acre, 1/1024 acre, 1/2048 acre, 1/4096 acre, 1/8192 acre, 1/16384 acre, 1/32768 acre, 1/65536 acre, 1/131072 acre, 1/262144 acre, 1/524288 acre, 1/1048576 acre, 1/2097152 acre, 1/4194304 acre, 1/8388608 acre, 1/16777216 acre, 1/33554432 acre, 1/67108864 acre, 1/134217728 acre, 1/268435456 acre, 1/536870912 acre, 1/1073741824 acre, 1/2147483648 acre, 1/4294967296 acre, 1/8589934592 acre, 1/17179869184 acre, 1/34359738368 acre, 1/68719476736 acre, 1/137438953472 acre, 1/274877906944 acre, 1/549755813888 acre, 1/1099511627776 acre, 1/2199023255552 acre, 1/4398046511104 acre, 1/8796093022208 acre, 1/17592186044416 acre, 1/35184372088832 acre, 1/70368744177664 acre, 1/140737488355328 acre, 1/281474976710656 acre, 1/562949953421312 acre, 1/1125899906842624 acre, 1/2251799813685248 acre, 1/4503599627370496 acre, 1/9007199254740992 acre, 1/18014398509481984 acre, 1/36028797018963968 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